
CALL TO MISSION

The call of the laity isn't limited by age. "Children also have their own apostolic work to do. According to their ability they are true living witnesses of Christ among their companions."

JOURNAL: Do I ever think I can wait until later in life to live out my faith boldly? Why? Name the excuses you are making to not live your faith in the public square, i.e. at school, through social media, in conversations with friends/texts/phone calls? Do I keep an on/off switch when it comes to faith?

"The apostolate in the effort to infuse a Christian spirit into the mentality, customs, laws, and structures of the community in which one lives, is so much the duty and responsibility of the laity that it can never be performed properly by others. It is here where they work or practice their profession or study or reside or spend their leisure time or have their companionship that they are more capable of helping their brethren."

JOURNAL: How can I, as a member of the Church, who is called to "Go therefore and make disciples" practically carry out this role? Name one specific act of courage you plan this week.

Catholics are called to “fulfill this mission of the Church in the world especially by conforming their lives to their faith so that they become the light of the world as well as by practicing honesty in all their dealings so that they attract all to the love of the true and the good and finally to the Church and to Christ.”

JOURNAL: Where do I lack honesty and integrity in my life? How can I be more authentic? Why is it so much more easy to wear a mask and hide behind walls than to walk the Christian faith and demonstrate my Catholicism before others? What real changes do I need to make?
